

3B News for January/February

Dear Parents,

I decided to combine these months due to the shortness of both. We have continued to be very busy when we have been at school. Here are a few highlights from both months.

Math- We really began working on those pesky multiplication facts. We use our flash cards every day for about 10 minutes for quick drills. We have also been taking timed tests to build the need for memorization. If you are not working with your child at home, please do. We do not have enough time in class for each student to build memorization skills. We do work at it, but it isn't enough. I recommend having your child write them in order from memory to see what he/she knows and what needs to be worked on.

Science- We worked on the very difficult unit of physical science. It has so many facets that it took the longest time to cover completely. Unfortunately, it also came at a time when many students were getting sick with the flu, so we had to slow things down and take a large unit test instead of smaller chapter tests. Now, we are studying earth science and should be back to normal in terms of taking more frequent but smaller chapter tests. You just have to love Clorox and Lysol Wipes! 😊 We use them a lot in the room.

Social Studies- We finished one unit on Jamestown and are now working on government, economics and civics. The students are very knowledgeable about the upcoming Presidential Election. To better educate them on how our local government works, we are hosting a panel discussion with local officials on Tuesday, Feb. 26. We are proud to host Mayor Diebold, Councilwoman Kennedy, Councilman Marmie, Detective Vanoy, Fireman Greg Coffman and possibly one other person. Judge Hoover could not be with us

but sent us some nice brochures about the court system. Perhaps, when the weather is nicer, we could schedule a walking field trip to his chambers. We did this before and actually saw a case being tried! I will let you know if we can work this out with his office. Safety Director, Roger Stollard, and Councilman Guthrie also could not be with us on Feb. 26.

At the same time that, we are also taking part in a statewide IVDL to guess our towns. Each school has a color name and gives 5 clues using 5 areas of geography as a guide. We met this Wednesday, Feb. 20, and gave our first set of clues. We will meet again in March to give a second set of clues. Finally, we'll meet one last time to guess our towns' names. You may have wondered why your child was bringing a basket or Native American items to school. Two of our clues were: We have a building that looks like a basket. We have Native American burial grounds. We wrote the last clue in the center of an octagon.

As you can see, each month has been very active. A big thank you to the parents who helped make Catholic Schools Week a fun time and to Mrs. Gialdini and Mrs. Oiler for organizing a nice Valentine's Day party.

Sincerely,
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